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SUMMARY: PROPOSED DATES FOR 11TH LCY CONGRESS ARE JUNE 20-23.
VOJVODINA NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED WITH NO SURPRISES. ACCORDING
TO YUGOSLAV SOURCES, FOLLOWING WILL BE PART OF TOP LEVEL
PERSONNEL ALIGNMENT: TODO KURTOVIC AS SAWPY PRESIDENT,
DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC TO BECOME FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
REPLACING KIRO GLIGOROV WHO MAY HEAD A NEW COMMISSION ON
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FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MIKA SPILJAK WILL RETAIN TRADE
UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENCY, AND FEC VICE PRESIDENT
DOBROSLAV CULAFIC WILL BE DROPPED. ONE SOURCE CLAIMS THAT
SELECTION OF JOSIP VRHOVEC AS FONSEC WAS A COMPROMISE,
FONSEC MINIC'S RETURN TO SERBIA IS NOT IN THE ROLE HE
WANTED -- SERBIAN LC PRESIDENT, AND GLIGOROV IS MOVING
BECAUSE OTHER MACEDONIANS NEITHER WANT HIM BACK TO

MACEDONIA NOR IN HIS PRESENT POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. GOY ANNOUNCED MARCH 15 THAT PROPOSED DATES FOR LCY 11TH CONGRESS ARE JUNE 20-23.

2. VOJVODINA NOMINATIONS: PARTY: FEDERAL VICE PRESIDENT STEVAN DORONJSKI NOMINATED AS VOJVODINA REP ON LCY PRESIDUM; LCV PRESIDENT DUSAN ALIMPIC TO RETAIN HIS POSITION, WHILE HIS PRESENT DEPUTY, BOSKO KRUNIC, WILL BECOME SECREATRY OF THE LCV PRESIDUM; AND SECRETARY OF THE LCV EXEC CMTE, NANDOR MAJOR, IS TO BE ONE OF THE EXEC SECRETARIES OF THE LCY PRESIDUM. GOVERNMENT: VOJVODINA'S PRESIDENCY PRESIDENT RADOVAN VLAJKOVIC, ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT VILOMOS MOLNAR, AND EXEC CMTE PRESIDENT NIKOLA KMEZIC WILL RETAIN THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS. LCY EXEC CMTE MEMBER DUSAN POPOVIC WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL SAWP.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, WELL PLACED YUGOSLAV JOURNALIST LISTED THE FOLLOWING AS DISTINCT POSSIBILITIES IN THE GOY'S COMING SHUFFLE AND RESHUFFLE:

4. LCY EXEC CMTE MEMBER KURTOVIC AS PRESIDENT OF SAWPY (SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA), A DECISION TAKEN ONLY VERY RECENTLY.

5. CROAT VRHOVEC AS REPLACEMENT FOR MINIC AS FONSEC
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WAS A COMPROMISE. TITO ALLEGEDLY FAVORED LCY EXEC CMTE MEMBER DODRIVOJE VIDIC WHILE THE MACEDONIANS (FEDERAL PRESIDENCY MEMBER KOLISEVSKI INCLUDED) WERE PROMOTING DEPUTY FONSEC LAZAR MOJSOV. VIDIC HAS BEEN NOMINATED PRESIDENT OF THE SERBIAN PRESIDENCY WHILE THE MACEDONIANS GOT SOMETHING THEY WANTED -- "REMOVAL" OF FELLOW MACEDONIAN KIRO GLIGOROV AS HEAD OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY.

6. SERBIAN PRESIDENT DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC TO REPLACE GLIGOROV AS ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT.

7. THE MACEDONIANS DO NOT WANT GLIGOROV BACK IN MACEDONIA; NOR DID THEY WANT HIM TO REMAIN AS ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT. (JOURNALIST SOURCE WAS NOT PRECISE AS TO REASON.) INSTEAD GLIGOROV IS THE MORE LIKELY ONE OF TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF A NEW COMMISSION TO BE FORMED TO HANDLE SOME ASPECTS OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, A POSITION "WHICH CAN BECOME VERY IMPORTANT". THE OTHER, AND LESS LIKELY OF THESE TWO CANDIDATES IS FEC VICE PRESIDENT BERISLAV SEFER, WHO WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO ACADEMIC LIFE.

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8. MIKE SPILJAK TO REMAIN AS HEAD OF THE TRADE UNION
CONFEDERATION DESPITE HIS DESIRE TO RETURN TO ZAGREB.
THE CROATIANS TOLD HIM NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE TO HIM
AND TITO TOLD HIM HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR OF HIS
AGREEMENT "TO REMAIN FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS".

9. MINIC WISHED TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE SERBIAN LC.
PETAR STAMBOLIC OPPOSED THIS. RESULT: MINIC TO
BECOME ONE OF THREE SERBS ON THE NEW PRESIDUM BUT
DOES NOT RECEIVE THE LCS POSITION; STAMBOLIC TO BECOME
SECOND SERB ON PRESIDUM BUT IS REPLACED AS SERBIAN
MEMBER OF YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY BY ZIVAN VASILJEVIC; AND
TIHOMIR VLASKALIC EX OFFICIO BECOMES THIRD SERB ON LCY
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PRESIDIUM BY RETAINING HIS POSITION AS LCS PRESIDENT.

10. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FSFA OFFICIAL TOLD ECONCOUNS THAT PRESENT VICE PRESIDENT DOBROSLAV CULAFIC WILL BE DROPPED FROM FEC, PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE IS A MONTENEGRIN AS IS FEC PRESIDENT VESELIN DJURANOVIC. (DJURANOVIC WILL REPLACE CULAFIC AS PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL COMMISSION FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY.) OFFICIAL ADDED THAT SLOVENE ANDREJ MARINC WILL BE NAMED FEC VICE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING. HE DID NOT SAY WHO THE OTHER VICE PRESIDENTS WILL BE, BUT THAT TWO OF THEM WOULD ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS.

11. COMMENT: IN PAST JOURNALIST SOURCE HAS BEEN GENERALLY CORRECT AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT ANY OF AFOREMENTIONED. HOWEVER, WE WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY DISAFFECTION BETWEEN GLIGOROV AND OTHER MACEDONIANS. THIS IS A MATTER WHICH BEARS WATCHING ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF FAVORABLE IMPRESSION GLIGOROV HAS LEFT WITH NON-YUGOSLAVS. BUT IT IS SAID HE ANGERED SOME GOY OFFICIALS LAST YEAR WHEN ON RETURN FROM A VISIT TO POLAND, HE MENTIONED PUBLICLY SOME COMMENTS ON POLISH-SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH GIEREK HAD TOLD HIM IN CONFIDENCE. WE DOUBT HE WOULD BE SHUNTED OFF TO SOME BACKWATER COMMISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY TEND TO BELIEVE SOURCE'S IMPLICATION ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE OF NEW BODY IN AREA IN WHICH YUGOSLAVS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED. (BEOGRADSKA BANKA OFFICIAL, WHEN ASKED, HESITATINGLY TOLD EMBOFFS LAST WEEK THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD SOON BE MADE ON FORMATION OF NEW BODY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.) IT ALSO OCCURS TO US THAT GLIGOROV COULD BE NAMED AN FEC VICE PRESIDENT, REPLACING SEFER WHO HAS MAINLY OPERATED IN FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS FIELD.

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13. MARKOVIC AS REPLACEMENT FOR GLIGOROV ALSO RAISES SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS. WE HAD ASSUMED THAT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT WOULD BE INCLUDED ON NEW LCY PRESIDIUM. MARKOVIC WAS NOT ONE OF THE THREE "SERBIAN" NOMINEES. HE COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED IF THE PRESIDIUM IS LIMITED TO 24 INCLUDING TITO.
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